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2	SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS - CRIMINAL TERM - PART 11
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4	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
5	Indictment
6	-against- No.4270-99
7	TATIANA RYBUK,
8	Defendant.
9	360 Adams Street
10	PLEA Brooklyn, New York October 27, 1999
11	BEFORE:
12	HONORABLE NEIL JON FIRETOG,
13	Justice.
14	APPEARANCES:
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16	OFFICE OF CHARLES J. HYNES, ESQ. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, KINGS COUNTY
17	Attorney for the People
18	BY: ANN SEELY, ESQ., & ELLEN BURACH, ESQ.,
19	Assistant District Attorneys
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23	Teresa McGrath Official Court Reporter
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THE CLERK: Calendar number eleven, Indictment 4270 of 1999, Tatiana Rybuk.

Defendant is present with attorney.

Your appearance, for the record?

MS. SEELY: Ann Seely, for the Office of the District Attorney.

MR. RUCK: Good afternoon, your Honor.

My appearance is David Ruck, R-u-c-k, One Whitehall Street, New York City.

MS. BURACH: Ellen Burach, for the Office of the District Attorney.

THE COURT: All right. I have been provided with a possible disposition to this case and in exchange for a plea of guilty to an attempt to count one, plead guilty to count three, and a plea of guilty to twelve other insurance fraud counts that this will be in full satisfaction of all charges in this indictment as well as any other pending or any other matter stemming out of this criminal activity and that in exchange for these pleas that I will sentence the

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defendant to five years probation with five special conditions, including community service, restitution, waiver of unpaid claims, signing corporate resolutions, and refraining from engaging in certain activities.

THE CLERK: Community service?

THE COURT: Yes.

Miss Rybuk, is that what you want to do?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Listen to me carefully.

Raise your right hand.

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

> Yes. THE DEFENDANT:

THE COURT: Put your hand down.

Listen to me carefully, according to the facts as I understand them to be, it is alleged that you, acting in concert with a number of other individuals including Paul Schneider, Julia Kofman, Gene Arbitman, and various medical PC corporations, including Bakshi Medical

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Services, HAS Medical Services, All Medical Surgical Supply Corp, Jamaica Avenue Medical Services, PC, Flatbush Medical Services PC, Bulsara Medical Services PC, all engaged in the crime of enterprise corruption in that on or about and between December 2nd of 1996 and April 12th of 1999, these dates being approximate and inclusive, here in the County of Kings and elsewhere, that you, acting in concert with these other defendants, having knowledge of the existence of this criminal enterprise and of the nature of its activities, being employed by or associated with such enterprise, intentionally conducted and participated in the affairs of the enterprise by participating in a pattern of criminal activity, including making payoffs to persons known as steerers who brought individuals, who had purportedly been in automobile accidents, to medical clinics as patients so that services could be billed; fraudulently billing insurance

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companies for unnecessary and/or unperformed medical visits and procedures related to these patient-claimants under the carriers' State of New York No-Fault automobile insurance policies; also fraudulently billing insurance carriers for unnecessary and/or unperformed physical therapy treatment for these patients; fraudulently billed insurance carriers for durable medical equipment using forged doctors' prescriptions and false backup invoices; and fraudulently billed for studies, including nerve conduction studies known as CAT scans -as well as CAT scans, x-rays, MRI's all based upon forged and false medical reports.

Are these facts true?

Yes. THE DEFENDANT:

THE COURT: You were engaged in doing this?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

Specifically, there are a THE COURT: number of acts that are required to show

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the pattern activity, in this case there are at least sixty some-odd acts alleged and I want to ask you specifically about two of them.

On or about and between August 2nd of 1997 and September 17th of 1997, both dates being approximate and inclusive, here in Brooklyn, you, Paul Schneider, Julia Kofman, Gene Arbitman, and the Jamaica Clinic, acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, including intent to commit another crime including Grand Larceny and Insurance Fraud, you aided and concealed the commission thereof that crime by making and causing to be made false entries in business records of an enterprise, namely physical therapy progress notes submitted to the Allcity Insurance Company from the Jamaica Clinic pursuant to a claim number 413-016-959-8 for services allegedly rendered on August 2nd of 1997, August 6th, and August 7th of 1997.

Is that true?

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THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: It's also alleged that on or about July 17th of 1997 and August 21st of 1997, that you, acting in concert with the same individuals and the Bakshi Clinic did commit the crime of Grand Larceny and Insurance Fraud and aided and concealed the commission of that crime by making false entries in business records of an enterprise, namely physical therapy progress notes submitted to Allcity from Bakshi pursuant to claim 413-016-960-7 for services allegedly rendered and that occurred on July 17th, 19th, and 21st of 1997.

Are those true, also?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Now I know you have discussed with Mr. Ruck the remaining sixty acts, and in discussing those acts, and I ask you now, are those acts true, that you committed those acts with these other individuals?

> THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: Now, it's also alleged that you engaged, under count three, with a scheme to defraud.

MR. RUCK: Your Honor, if I may, I may not have been listening attentively, but the allocution on count one is as to Attempted Enterprise Corruption in violation of 110/460-20; is that correct?

Subdivision 1, Subdivision THE COURT:

MR. RUCK: Thank you.

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THE COURT: Under count three it's alleged that you, acting in concert with the same individuals, committed the crime of a Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, in that you and others, these defendants, on or about and between December 2nd of 1996 and April 12th of 1999, both dates being approximate and inclusive, here in the County of Kings and elsewhere, acting in concert, engaged in a scheme constituting a systematic ongoing course of conduct with the intent to defraud more than one person and to obtain

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various insurance carriers, including
Allcity, Progressive, Allstate, Geico,
Nationwide, Prudential, State Farm,
Integon, New York Central, National
Grange, Eagle and American Transit.

Are those facts true?
THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: I also want to add at this point before we continue that it has come to my attention that Prudential is one of the insurance companies defrauded. My wife is a vice-president for Prudential in the compliance area.

Does that affect this plea in any way?

MR. RUCK: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

Now, it is alleged that you committed the crimes of Insurance Fraud against

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various insurance companies and they have selected twelve different instances where it is alleged that between a particular time and place and date, here being in Brooklyn, that you, acting in concert 6 with Paul Schneider, Julia Kofman, and Gene Arbitman, as well as various of these clinics, did, with the intent to defraud and to commit another crime, excuse me, 10 did commit the crime of Insurance Fraud by 11 committing a fraudulent insurance act in 12 that you knowingly and with intent to 13 defraud, and pursuant to a common scheme 14 or plan, presented or caused to be 15 presented, and prepared with the knowledge 16 and belief that it would be presented to 17 an insurer or to an agent of an insurance 18 company, a written statement as part of 19 and in support of a claim for payment and 20 other benefit pursuant to an insurance 21 policy for commercial or personal 22 insurance, which you knew to contain 23 materially false information concerning a 24 material fact, and that you concealed, for 25

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the purpose of misleading, information concerning that material fact; namely, various acts.

Now I am going to go through these acts and you will tell me whether or not it's true.

Under count nineteen it's alleged that this occurred between August 2nd of 1997 and September 17th of 1997 where physical therapy progress notes were submitted to Allcity from the Jamaica Clinic pursuant to a claim for services rendered on August 2nd of 1997, the 4th, and the 6th.

Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Under count thirty-five it's alleged that the defendants, acting together, on or about September 19th of 1997 and October 24th of 1997 submitted a false medical report to Progressive from the Flatbush Clinic for services allegedly rendered on September 19th of 1997.

Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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It's also alleged in count THE COURT: fifty-nine that between March 23rd of '98 and April 16th of 1998 you submitted, with these others, for the purpose of misleading, a medical report to Allstate Insurance from the HAS Clinic for services allegedly rendered on March 23rd of 1998.

Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: It's also alleged in count sixty-seven that between December 15th of '97 and February 20th of 1998, that a false medical report was submitted to Geico from the ALL Clinic pursuant to a claim for services allegedly rendered on December 18th of 1997.

Is that true?

Yes. THE DEFENDANT:

THE COURT: Under count eighty-three it's alleged that a false medical report was submitted to Nationwide from the Bakshi Clinic for a claim allegedly for services rendered on September 25th of 1996 and that this was between that date

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and the date of payment of December 19th of '97.

Are those facts true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: On the eighty-seventh count it's alleged that between July 12th of '97 and August 21st of '97, that everyone knew about and participated in the filing of false physical therapy progress report notes to the Prudential from Bakshi which alleged services rendered on July 12th.

Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Under the ninety-ninth count of the indictment it's alleged that on or about and between October 16th of '97 and December 1st of '97, that false physical therapy progress reports were submitted to State Farm from the Bakshi Clinic for services allegedly rendered on October 16th, 18th and 20th.

Is that true?

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THE COURT: It's also alleged that on October 9th of '97 to January 28th of '98, a Verification of Treatment form for the sciatic nerve block was submitted to Eagle Insurance by HAS pursuant to a claim for services allegedly rendered on October 9th of 1997.

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Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

That's count one hundred MR. RUCK: one?

THE COURT: One hundred one.

On count one hundred three it is alleged that between November 6th of '97 and February 24th of '98, a false medical prescription for durable medical equipment dated November 6th of '97 was submitted to American Transit for or from the ALL Clinic pursuant to claim number 604-457-07.

Is that true?

Yes. THE DEFENDANT:

THE COURT: And as to the hundred and seventh count it's alleged that on or

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about and between November 28th of '97 and February 23rd of '98, that a false medical report was submitted to Integon from Bakshi Clinic for services allegedly rendered on November 28th of 1997.

Are those facts true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: As to the hundred and fifteenth count it's alleged that a false Verification of Treatment form for sciatic nerve block was submitted to New York Central from the HAS Clinic for services allegedly rendered on October 10th of 1997 for a period covering October 10th to January 19th of '98.

Are those facts true?
THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: And last, as to the hundred and thirty-seventh count, it's alleged that on or about and between September 16th of '98 and January 29th of '99, that a false medical prescription for durable medical equipment dated September 16th of 1998 was submitted to

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the National Grange from Bulsara Clinic for claim number 71Y-815-46.

Are those facts true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Now, you understand as part of this allocution that it is alleged that you engaged in these fraudulent insurance acts with the knowledge and the participation of the doctors and clinics, including but not limited to an individual by the name of Hussaini, Bulsara, Reyes-Arguelles, Mallela, and Lahiri, and S.L. Medical Services, PC, Canarsie Medical Services, PC, Avenue N Medical Services, PC, and Serenicy Durable and Medical Corpall knew about this.

Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: In furtherance of this criminal enterprise and insurance fraud your group submitted false claims to insurance companies, included but not limited to Allstate, Progressive, Geico,

17 Plea 1 Travelers, as well. 2 Is this true? 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 4 THE COURT: And that part of the 5 falsity was to forge the signatures of 6 these doctors mentioned above on medical 7 reports, progress notes, prescription for 8 durable medical equipment. 9 Is that true? 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 11 And that Rabiner owned THE COURT: 12 certain diagnostic centers and was paid 13 for the referrals that were made to these 14 imaging companies; is that right? 15 I think actually, your MR. RUCK: 16 Honor, it is that those centers made 17 payments rather than received payments. 18 MS. BURACH: Right. 19 THE COURT: All right. They made 20 kickbacks; is that it? 21 MS. BURACH: Yes. 22 To the group, and that's THE COURT: 23 Metroscan Imaging, Parkway MRI, Belt 24 Parkway Imaging, Diagnostic Imaging, and

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Is that true?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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20 21 claims for insurance payments associated with the Avenue U Enterprise, including

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Jamaica Avenue Medical Services, PC, Bakshi Medical Services, PC, Bulsara Medical Services, PC, and that you will sign a release for these unpaid claims prior to sentencing.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: And that you will also sign the corporate resolutions for the above mentioned corporations to a plea prior to sentencing so that the corporations can enter pleas; and last, that you will not engage in any employment related to the insurance industry, including No-Fault Insurance, personal injury or health insurance during these five years.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Now, do you also understand, do you also understand that when you plead guilty you give up certain rights, that have to be noted on the record?

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Those include the right to a jury trial. Because of the nature of the crimes you are entitled to a jury trial in this case. And that the only way you can give up those rights is to knowingly waive it by pleading guilty.

But, associated with the jury trial is the right to have the DA put to the burden of proving your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury that you and your attorney help select.

when you plead guilty you give up the right to see and hear all the witnesses that are accusing you of these crimes; you give up the right to have the DAs put to the burden of proving your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; and you give up the right to have the jury be the one to make the ultimate decision.

Do you understand you are giving that up?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: At a jury trial you, too, could testify. You don't have to, you

22 Plea 1 guilty? 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 3 THE COURT: Listen to the question. 4 THE DEFENDANT: No. 5 THE COURT: All right. 6 Are you doing so of your own free 7 will? 8 THE DEFENDANT: I understand. 9 MR. RUCK: Are you doing this --10 THE COURT: Are you doing it of your 11 own volition? 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 13 THE COURT: All right. 14 All right. Mr. Ruck, you believe that 15 she is going to be able to pay this 16 restitution over five years? 17 MR. RUCK: Yes, your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Listen to the clerk of the 19 court as the plea is recorded. 20 Sentence date will be approximately 21 six to eight weeks from today. 22 MR. RUCK: Your Honor, may I just 23 clarify a matter, and I think it was made 24 part of the record when you first 25

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addressed it, but I have my checklist, it is understood and agreed that the pleas offered to your Honor are in full satisfaction of the entire indictment and all the matters known to the District Attorney's Office that exist in their investigative files with respect to my client as of this point in time.

MS. SEELY: That's correct, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

Listen to the clerk of the court.

THE CLERK: Miss Tatiana Rybuk, is that your true name?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE CLERK: And Mr. Ruck, who stands beside you, is your attorney?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE CLERK: Before accepting your plea of guilty you are advised that if you have previously been convicted of a predicate felony, as defined in Article 70 of the Penal Law, that fact may be established after your plea of guilty in this action

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now before this court and you may be subject to different or additional punishment.

Miss Rybuk, do you now wish to withdraw your pleas of not guilty entered under Indictment 4270 of 1999 and do you now wish to plead guilty to the crimes of Attempted Enterprise Corruption, Class C Felony, as well as Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and twelve counts of Insurance Fraud in the Fifth Degree, all Class A Misdemeanors, to cover this indictment; is that what you wish to do?

> Yes. THE DEFENDANT:

THE CLERK: You are also advised on the date of sentencing a mandatory surcharge of \$150.00, a crime victim's assistance fee of \$5.00 may be imposed pursuant to 60.35 of the Penal Law.

> Are you a U.S. citizen, Ms. Rybuk? THE DEFENDANT: Not a citizen.

THE CLERK: Not a citizen.

You are further advised that if you

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are not a U.S. citizen your immigration status may be jeopardized and you may be deported at any time prior to the expiration of your sentence.

Also, if you become subject to a final order of deportation you may be paroled to the immigration authorities for deportation at any time subsequent to the commencement of an indeterminate prison sentence.

Prison sentence is not an issue. Sentence date, 12/13?

THE COURT: Do you want the same date?

I think another date would MS. SEELY: be better.

THE COURT: All right.

Date approximately around 12/13 you would like to do this, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th?

The 14th is fine. MS. BURACH:

MS. SEELY: Whatever is good for

Mr. Ruck.

December 14th is fine, your MR. RUCK:

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26 1 Plea 2 Honor. 3 THE COURT: All right, 12/14. 4 Now you are going to have to report to 5 probation. Make sure you speak to 6 probation because I need a report in order 7 to sentence you. THE CLERK: Bail continued? 8 9 THE COURT: Bail continued. 10 MS. BURACH: Your Honor, one last 11 thing, I believe you might have said this 12 but I didn't hear that, that if Miss Rybuk violates any of the conditions of 13 14 probation she will be subject to the 15 minimum jail sentence of one to three 16 years. 17 THE COURT: That is correct. 18 MS. BURACH: Thank you. 19 THE COURT: Anything else? 20 MS. BURACH: That's it. 21 MR. RUCK: While I am here and while 22 we are on the record, I am reminded all 23 the terms of the agreement need to be on 24 the record.

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promised that if I called upon them or anyone else on Miss Rybuk's behalf that they will confirm that she has provided substantial information and substantial cooperation to the District Attorney's Office, correct?

MS. SEELY: That's correct,

Jay Shapiro of the Rackets Division had

made that representation to Mr. Ruck that

we will provide a letter stating that

there was substantial information

provided.

THE COURT: All right.

Certified that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the original stenographic

minutes in this case.



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